



# COMMISSION ON INSURANCE

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### MINUTES

Meeting of June 25, 2009  
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Room 374-A  
500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Commissioners Present:** Scott J. Svonkin, Bob L. Blake, Glenn S. Brown, J.D., Helene S. Lohr, LUTCF, Luther W. Nash, Patricia Torres, Esq., Steve Vicencia, CPCU

**Commissioners Absent:** Daniel Falcon, Barry Binder, Esq., and William K. Callagy

### CALL TO ORDER

There being a quorum, Chairperson Svonkin called the meeting to order at 10:16 a.m.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Chairperson Svonkin.

### APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Lohr, seconded by Commissioner Blake and unanimously carried, the May 21, 2009 meeting minutes were approved.

### CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson Svonkin reported the following:

- Commissioners Lohr and Brown joined him at a town hall meeting on insurance coverage. With the help of Commissioner Vicencia and staff a tip sheet and a list of assembly bills have been provided for discussion.
- Supervisor Yaroslavsky has agreed to cover the cost of holding a press conference. The Commission's goal is to educate constituents on preparing for a fire, encouraging them to review their insurance policies for adequate coverage and to provide helpful tips on what to do and how to inventory their possessions.

- Introduced Twila P. Kerr as Lead Staff and Lupe Duron as Senior Staff and congratulated George Britton on his new position as Acting Assistant Division Chief.

### **DISCUSSION ON PRESS CONFERENCE DATE AND LOCATION**

Chairperson Svonkin suggested a previous fire site in the valley for the press conference. After discussion, the commission agreed to tentatively hold Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. He will communicate with Supervisor Yaroslavsky's staff to verify the date and send out a media advisory with the details of the press conference. Commissioner Nash will contact KFWB for exposure.

### **DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF INSURANCE TIP SHEET LINK FOR WEBSITE**

After discussion, Commissioners Lohr, Vicencia and Nash agreed to work together to review the tip sheet and consider the following:

- Include bullets with tips on how to inventory possessions;
- Provide tips on what to do after a fire;
- Confirm the Insurance Help link does not endorse any brokers/agents; if so, include text from their website and give them credit instead of using there link; and
- Include additional information as needed.

Commissioners will be given 72 hours to give input on the Tip Sheet, before placing on the next agenda for approval.

### **REVIEW OF FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATION RE: "HEALTH CARE INSURANCE"**

After discussion the Commission took the following actions:

On motion of Commissioner Vicencia, seconded by Commissioner Blake, unanimously carried, the Commission approved support of AB 2.

On motion of Commissioner Torres, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with Commissioner Lohr voting No, the Commission approved support of AB 725.

On motion of Commissioner Vicencia, seconded by Commissioner Lohr, unanimously carried, the Commission approved support of AB 730.

On motion of Commissioner Lohr, seconded by Commissioner Blake, unanimously carried, the Commission approved support of AB 1541.

Commissioner Torres requested staff forward legislation to the Chief Executive Office for review of impact to County.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

### **MATTERS NOT POSTED ON THE AGENDA TO BE PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA**

- Approval of recommendation letter to the Board of Supervisors on Assembly Bills supported by the Commission;
- Assembly Bill 1179 and other bills the Commission would like to take a position on;
- Discuss letter from the Compensation Insurance Fund regarding State Legislature selling their assets;
- Invite speaker from the Employee Task Force to discuss issues on workers compensation fraud; and
- Discuss the Homeowners Availability Act of 1997.

Chairperson Svonkin requested staff to provide Commissioner Nash with documentation on the various attempts made by the Commission requesting the presence of Insurance Commissioner Poizner.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business and without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

### **ATTENDANCE**

#### **Staff**

Twila P. Kerr, Board of Supervisors  
Lupe Duron, Board of Supervisors